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January 19, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 JANUARY 19, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REJECT BIDS
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
LAKE ALAMEDA LANDSCAPED ACCESS PATH
CITY OF BURBANK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to reject all bids for the Lake Alameda Landscaped Access Path project for the construction of landscaping, an irrigation system, and a concrete pathway on the east side of the Burbank Western Channel from Victory Boulevard to Alameda Avenue in the City of Burbank.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Reject all bids received on October 13, 2009, for Project ID No. WMD0000102, Lake Alameda Landscaped Access Path, in the City of Burbank.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to reject the bids received for the Lake Alameda Landscaped Access Path project to allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to revise the contract documents.

On September 8, 2009, Agenda Item 37, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisor's (Board) acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles county Flood Control District approved the project,

adopted the plans and specifications, called for bids to be received on October 13, 2009, and instructed the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project.

On October 13, 2009, 13 bids were received. Ten of the bids did not comply with requirements in the bid solicitation, including the preliminary low bidder, and would be considered nonresponsive. Public Works believes that some of the requirements stipulated in the bid documents were unclear. Rejecting all bids and readvertising at a later date would allow Public Works to revise the bid documents to clarify the bid requirements and allow all bidders an equal opportunity to be awarded the contract.

The Instruction to Bidders provides for the rejection of all bids if such action is in the best interest of the County. Public Works will readvertise this project when the contract documents are revised. Attempting to award this project would likely result in several bid protests.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended action will allow Public Works to reschedule this landscape improvement project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost to readvertise the project will be minimal. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Flood Control District Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

We believe rejecting these bids is in the best interest of the County. The Instruction to Bidders included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposal as submitted by the lowest bidder are included to be filed at the Executive Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 15, 2007, Agenda Item 46, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Delaying the project will not impact Public Works' services to the community.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance